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Copenhagen, Decemb. 2.

THE Defensive Alliance between this Crown and *Sueden*, was concluded the 7th of the last month at *Lundun*. By it, is agreed, That in case either King be attacked, the other shall assist him with 2000 Horse, 4000 Foot, and 10 Men of War, and these numbers to be doubled in case need require it. The General or Admiral of the King assisted shall command. In all Fights the Auxiliary Troops shall, as far as may be, be posted by themselves. Their Ports shall be open to the Ships of both Crowns. And this Alliance shall last ten years. From *Schonen* we hear, that the King of *Sueden* is gone for *Calmar*. And from *Helmstadt* comes a report that ten Dutch Merchant Ships have been lost in the *Katte-Gat*.

Sterin, Dec. 15. On Wednesday last the *Brandenburgs* quitted this place, as they did likewise *Dam*, and the same day Count *Coningmarke* Governor-General of *Pomeren* for the King of *Sueden* arrived here, and was received by the *Bui*ers in Arms, to whom his Excellency shewed great Civilities, highly commending them for the brave defence they made, and assuring them that the King of *Sueden* would in due time recompence their services.

Aix la Chapelle, Dec. 15. This morning part of the French Troops that were in Garrison here, marched from hence, and we are told that Monsieur *Calvo* will follow them in a day or two with the rest.

Brussels, Decemb. 19. This morning we had our Spanish Letters dated the 2d instant at *Madrid*, which give an account that their Majesties arrived that day at *Buen Retiro*; that the Queen-Mother had visited her Majesty the day before four Leagues from *Madrid*, and had made her a Present of a very great value; That their Majesties would not make their publick Entry yet in six weeks, for which great preparations were making; That a supply of 600 thousand Crowns would be remitted hither by the next Ordinary, and that that would be followed by a Million more, to be paid in ten months, which gives great life to things here. There has been some disturbance at *Antwerp* among the common people about certain Taxes laid upon them by their Magistrates: whereupon his Excellency has sent thither *Don Francisco de Velasco* their Governor, to endeavor to compose matters.

Brussels, Dec. 22. The Letters from *Spain* assure us that we shall have a new Governor in the Spring, some say that the Count *de Momerey* our former Governor, may be the person, others again speak of the Duke of *Lorraine* and of the Duke of *Newburg*; but we may now in a short time expect to be informed with more certainty. The Duke of *Villa Hermosa* will go after the Holy-days with his

Dutchess, and most of the Court for *Ghent*, and will pass some short time there. Our Letters from *Liege* of the 20th tell us, that the French would quit *Aix la Chapelle* as yesterday, and *Huy* and *Verriers* as this day. From *Strasbourg* they make great complaints of the French, who not only go on in the rigorous exacting of Contributions, but have seized the Papers and Records belonging to several Princes and States of the Empire who have any Lands in *Alsace*, which have been kept above these 200 years at *Croon-Weissenburg*, and have carried them to *Metz*. The Letters add, that the French are making great Magazines in several places in *Alsace*.

Hague, Dec. 22. The chief discourse here at present is concerning the Proposal made some time since by the French Ambassador of a Defensive Alliance between the King his Master and this State, which he continues to press with great earnestness, and Mr. *Sidney* as vigorously to oppose. The States of *Holland* since their meeting have resumed the Debate of this important matter, which was very much influenced by the Letter from Monsieur *Leeuwen* the Ambassador of this State in *England*, and the Memorial presented by Mr. *Sidney*, which having both been read, the further debate concerning the said Alliance, was let fall, only with this Resolution, That the farther consideration of it should be referred to a Committee, with orders to send Copies of the said Letter and Memorial to the several Provinces; since which there has been no more notice taken of this great matter; which the French Ambassador not being satisfied with, he has been with the Pensioner *Fagel*, to let him know that he expects a positive answer in 15 days, and that accordingly his Master will take his measures, which however it's believed the States will not comply with him in; and that if they do, their Answer will not be to his satisfaction. This morning we have advice of the death of Prince *Maurice* of *Nassau*, Great-Uncle to the Prince of *Orange*; he was one of the Velt-Marshals under his Highness, and Governor of *Cleves* for the Elector of *Brandenburg*, and died in his 80 year. The *East India Company* have made the Prince of *Orange* their usual Annual Present to the value of 6000 l. Sterling: Since these Rumors of an Alliance with *France*, the Actions of that Company have fallen: but at present, upon the appearance there is that the same will not take effect, they begin to rise again. Last Wednesday there was a very magnificent Entertainment at the *Heer Odykes* for the Prince and all the Court with a Ball that lasted till five in the morning.

Paris, Dec. 23. The Marriage between the Dauphin and *Ann Marie Visbair*, Sister to the Elector of *Barbarin*, is concluded; and the King and the Dauphin have sent their Procurators to Prince *Maximilian*, the Electors Uncle, to perform the Ceremony of the Marriage, as the Dauphins Proxy, which done, the Princess his Wife, will conduct this illustrious Bridegroom. The King has already named the principal